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11. (SBU) SUMMARY: CasablancaQs business community finds the selection o

SEVERAL WELL-CHOSEN MINISTERS

- $exttt{12.}$ (C) Although most Moroccans expressed disappointment with the select
- t 13. (SBU) Salaheddine Mezouar, former Minister of Industry and Trade, is
- $\underline{\P}4$. (SBU) At the same time that many are pleased with having a practicia
- ${ t exttt{1}}{ t exttt{5}}$. (SBU) Opinions were slightly more mixed regarding the selection of A

FEW WELL-DEFINED EXPECTATIONS

- 16. (U) CasablancaQs business community does not seem to have consistent
- 17. (C) In general, however, CasablancaQs businesspeople offered few con
- 18. (SBU) COMMENT: Prior to the September 2007 elections, few Casablanca

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